UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. Criminal No. 05-10239-RCL

FRANCISCO ARIAS

AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCISCO ARIAS

NOW COMES Francisco Arias, and after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. My true name is Francisco Arias.

2. I am the defendant in the above-captioned matter..

3. On July 26, 2007, I intend to plead guilty to possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

4. I purchased this firearm many years ago, and well prior to any involvement I had in the conspiracy alleged in this case.

5. At the time I purchased the gun, I had just been stabbed, and feared an additional attempt by that person to injure or kill me.

6. I purchased the gun solely to defend myself in case I was attacked again by this person.

7. The gun was never used or possessed by myself or anyone else during any involvement I had with respect to count one of the indictment.

8. The gun was secreted in a closet in the bedroom, by its self.

9. On information and belief, one of the officers who searched the apartment testified during my detention hearing that the drug paraphernalia discovered at the apartment was found in a cupboard in the kitchen or next to it.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY ON THIS THE DAY OF , 2007.

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Francisco Arias